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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The petition has been examined carefully by the Government and the petitioners have been informed that their request cannot be complied with.

Mukkuvar community

* 353 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether full fee concession is given to the Mukkuvar community in the Government Polytechnic, Nagercoil; and

(*b*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Is this the only institution where full fee concession is not given to the Mukkuvar community? I think other institutions give full fee concession.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not quite sure. This community was included in the list of backward classes in the old Travancore-Cochin State. We are now considering whether this community should be included in our Madras backward class list also?

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Government have themselves included all backward communities in the old Travancore-Cochin State to enjoy the concession when some parts of old Travancore-Cochin State were transferred to Madras? When the Mukkuvar community has been declared as backward and are getting all concessions in other institutions in the Travancore-Cochin State, whether the Government will take steps to allow these Mukkuvar community boys in this Polytechnic also to get full fee concession?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As I said the matter is under consideration.

Fishing harbour for Rayapuram

* 354 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the present stage of construction of a fishing harbour at Rayapuram?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The final report from the Ad hoc Committee constituted to go into the question of integration of the construction of fishing harbour at Royapuram with the construction of a sea face-wall there is awaited.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know what is the Central Government aid expected for the construction of this harbour? Do the Government expect any foreign aid also?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : There is the Ad hoc Committee which is going into the question of integration of the construction of fishing harbour at Royapuram with the